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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1614**

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**Introduced by Senator Oropeza**

February 22, 2008

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An act to add Section 1936.07 to the Civil Code, relating to rental car companies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1614, as amended, Oropeza. Rental car companies.

Existing law governs the rental of passenger vehicles to the public for a period of less than 30 days, as specified.

This bill would require a rental car company that rents passenger vehicles, as defined, to the public to provide in a prescribed manner to each renter, as defined *and specified*, a copy of a list of *up to 10* provisions of ~~the Vehicle Code state law related to health and safety in regard to motor vehicles~~. The bill would require that the list be comprised of 5 specified ~~Vehicle Code~~ provisions and ~~other recently adopted Vehicle Code provisions that up to 5 additional laws relevant to driver safety, to be determined and updated by the Department of Motor Vehicles is required to select that are unique to this state or have not been adopted in a substantially similar form by a majority of the states~~. The bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide a short summary of these laws.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1936.07 is added to the Civil Code, to read:

1936.07. (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) “Passenger vehicle” has the meaning set forth in Section 465 of the Vehicle Code.

(2) “Rental company” means any person or entity in the business of renting passenger vehicles to the public.

(3) “Renter” means any person in any manner obligated under a contract for the lease or hire of a passenger vehicle from a rental company for a period of less than 30 days.

(b) A rental company shall provide to each renter ~~who presents a driver’s license issued by a foreign jurisdiction,~~ *who presents a non-California resident driver’s license*, or who requests a copy, a list of driving laws, created pursuant to subdivision (c), that is provided to the rental company by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The list shall be provided to a renter in one of the following formats:

(1) A brochure.

(2) A rearview mirror hanger for renters who participate in a membership program.

(c) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall develop a list of state laws that apply in California, as described in this subdivision, and shall provide a short summary of each of these provisions. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall develop the list pursuant to the following criteria:

(1) The list shall be limited to 10 different laws.

(2) The list shall include the following:

~~(A) Subdivision (a) of Section 21950 of the Vehicle Code.~~

~~(B) Subdivision (a) of Section 23123 of the Vehicle Code.~~

~~(C) Subdivision (b) of Section 23152 of the Vehicle Code.~~

~~(D) Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 27315 of the Vehicle Code.~~

~~(E) Subdivision (b) of Section 27360 of the Vehicle Code.~~

(3) ~~The list shall include five additional laws relevant to driver safety, to be determined and updated by the Department of Motor Vehicles following the conclusion of each legislative session. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall include in this selection only~~

1 ~~those laws that were passed in the most recent legislative session~~  
2 ~~that are either unique to California or that have not been adopted~~  
3 ~~in a substantially similar form by a majority of the states.~~

4 (A) *Subdivision (a) of Section 118948 of the Health and Safety*  
5 *Code.*

6 (B) *Subdivision (b) of Section 21453 of the Vehicle Code.*

7 (C) *Subdivision (a) of Section 21950 of the Vehicle Code.*

8 (D) *Subdivision (a) of Section 23123 of the Vehicle Code.*

9 (E) *Paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of, and paragraph (2) of*  
10 *subdivision (b) of, Section 24400 of the Vehicle Code.*

11 (3) *The list shall include up to five additional laws relevant to*  
12 *driver safety, to be determined and updated by the Department of*  
13 *Motor Vehicles.*